

SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 11, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Koury called the Rent Control Board meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Koury read a passage from the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jennifer Kennedy  
Marilyn Korade-Wilson  
Joel Koury  
Robert Kronovet  
Zelia Mollica

Others Present: Tracy Condon, Administrator  
Michaelyn Jones, General Counsel  
Marcia Zimmer, Hearings Dept. Manager  
Michael Dominguez, Public Information Mgr.  
Laima Noseworthy, Budget Coordinator  
Glenda Jacobs, Board Secretary

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: May 14, 2009

Commissioner Mollica, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, moved to adopt the minutes of May 14, 2009. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

7. JURISDICTIONAL ITEM

B. Exemption – Owner Occupancy

1) 1576: 705 Navy St., Applicant – Montes

Applicant requests an exemption of a three-unit or less property based upon owner-occupancy pursuant to section 1801(c)(4) of the Rent Control Law.

Recommendation: Grant

Commissioner Kronovet, seconded by Commissioner Korade-Wilson, moved to grant the owner-occupied exemption pursuant to section 1801(c)(4) of the Rent Control Law. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Proposed Annual General Adjustment – 2009

Administrator Condon presented a PowerPoint report of the proposed general adjustment. Commissioner Koury opened the public hearing and the following persons addressed the Board: Shawn Ghatan, Robbin Oshita, Joy Fullmer, Daniel Davidsohn, Michael Millman, Matt Baird, Todd Flora, Peter Jensen, J.L. Jacobson, Dolores Press, Mathew Millen, Ilse Rosenstein, Bill Dawson, Patricia Hoffman, Walter Hu, Michael Tarbet, Lisa Olson, Sonya Sultan, Ted Winterer, Wes Wellman, Laure Thibodeau, Hussein Dabash, Susan Schoen and Betty Mueller. Commissioner Koury closed the public hearing.

At 8:50 p.m. a break was called in the proceedings and the meeting resumed approximately 15 minutes later.

After a discussion, Commissioner Korade-Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Mollica, moved to adopt the staff recommendation of a 1% general adjustment with an \$8 floor and \$16 ceiling. The floor and ceiling do not apply to mobile home spaces. The motion passed in a 4-1 roll call vote. Commissioner Kronovet voted no.

B. Proposed Regulation 3031, General Adjustment Number 32

Commissioner Koury, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy moved to adopt Regulation 3031, General Adjustment Number 32. The motion passed in a 4-1 roll call vote. Commissioner Kronovet voted no.

After the vote it was brought to the Board's attention that Commissioner Koury had inadvertently overlooked two requests to speak on this item, consequently, Commissioner Korade-Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, moved to rescind the prior vote to allow those members of the public to speak. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote. Joy Fuller and J.L. Jacobson addressed the Board.

Commissioner Koury, seconded by Commissioner Korade-Wilson, moved to adopt the proposed regulation. The motion passed in a 4-1 roll call vote. Commissioner Kronovet voted no.

C. Adoption of 2009/2010 Proposed Operating Budget

Administrator Condon presented a PowerPoint report of the proposed budget. Commissioner Koury opened the public hearing and J.L. Jacobson addressed the Board. Commissioner Koury closed the public hearing. Following a discussion, Commissioner Kronovet, seconded by Commissioner Korade-Wilson, moved to adopt the 2009/2010 Operating Budget. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Christine Minnehan, Lobbyist

Ms. Minnehan presented a summary of the June 2009 California Housing Legislative Report. The Board thanked Ms. Minnehan for her time and report.

12. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

A. Letter from R. Perry, Esq.

B. Letter from T. Nitti, Esq.

C. Letter from J. Fullmer

Commissioner Koury directed staff to receive and file.

13. REQUESTS TO SPEAK

The following person addressed the Board: J.L. Jacobson.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:53 p.m. Commissioner Koury adjourned the meeting.